

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims, the amendment to the specification submitted with our response of June 2, 2006, and the remarks as submitted with our response of June 2, 2006. Arguments to the specific rejections set forth in the Office Action of March 10, 2006 are fully and completely addressed in the response filed June 2, 2006, and the Examiner is referred to this response.

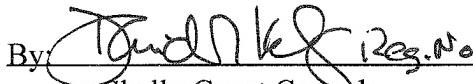
Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Gangle believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned authorizes that any necessary fees be charged to our deposit account 50-2821.

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